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SHORT STORY—  
"HORSES"— By —  
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There is nothing a circus man hates more than dressed up gent who strolls around the lot pokin' everything with his gold-banded cane and laughin' to himself as if the whole outfit is a fifth rate, moth-eaten show tryin' to be a first class circus. This one showed up on a Saturday afternoon when we were in Newcastle. He had his cane under his arm and his hands in his pants pockets with his coat pulled back so he could show off the big heavy gold chain across his flowered waist.

"Somethin' I can do for you?" asked him, whisin' I could reach over and tie that fancy sickle of his around his windpipe.

"I hardly think so," says he, leanin' an elbow in my tickle window. "I never cared much for shows like this here."

He pulled out a big gold watch. "I've got two hours to kill before train time and I thought I might find somethin' a little amusin' here, but I guess not."

He put his thumbs in his waistcoat pockets and rocked back on his heels. "I'm a speculator with horses," he explained, lookin' at me as if he expected me to keel over with the honor of havin' him in the lot.

"I'm takin' this train tonight to the races at Saratoga." He gave me a sly smile and lifted his eyebrows. "And I don't mind tellin' you that I'm expectin' to come home with a nice piece of money."

"Then," I said, tryin' to keep civil, "it would be some kind of a horse race that you would like."

He nodded without lookin' at me as if talkin' to circus hands was somethin' that about put him to sleep.

"It wouldn't matter if the horses was slow ones? You could pick the winner just the same?"

Mr. Slicker nodded again and yawned. "Maybe we can fix you up with a little amusemen't," I called to Joe and Bill who had been watchin' the lemonade stand. "This gentleman wants to see a horse race," I told them.

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RENDERS CONSTRUCTIVE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE

(One of a series of articles about your community lumber merchant, by F. C. Pickwell, well-known western newspaper writer)

"Mid pleasure and palace though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home!"

This wonderful old song has grown in popularity ever since it was composed over a century ago by John Howard Payne, an American dramatist. It will continue to be sung with fervor by generations to come. Why? Because the sentiment which influenced the author was based on an unquenchable thirst: love of home and companionship. There is nothing more sacred than the alluring contentment of one's home—the foundation of Christian civilization and the basis of human freedom.

That same spirit inspired the Prairie builders who developed the Prairie

overtook them and were welcome. That was the prevailing spirit among the West's first settlers. They banded on neighborly goodwill and self-reliance.

Amid the ups and downs of courageous pioneering, prosperity finally spread over the older settlements and closer communities developed. This led to new schools, trails gave way to roads, branch railways opened up populated areas, and political partisanship took root. That soon led to the birth of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and an expansion of Manitoba's boundaries. New towns and villages were established, and the local lumber merchant naturally took his place in the picture. He helped to provide the modernized phase of rapid progress in Western Canada.

When it is borne in mind that the

main prairie development took place largely within the last four decades, the remarkable record becomes all the more impressive. True mistakes and judgment were made and inevitable failure resulted. But, taken on the whole, it is doubtful if any other country has to its credit a better average record for sound thinking and individual initiative.

According to latest official statistics approximately fifty per cent. of all prairie farm owners have no mortgage or agreement of sale registered against their property. If any additional proof were needed ample is furnished in the quality of homes and farm buildings all over the Prairie Provinces. Most of these are modern and comfortable. They do not look like the product of universal failure as possibly preconceived by socialistic politicians, but do provide a healthy illustration of the Canadians who have made good—and still prefer to manage their own affairs.

Considerable credit must be given to community lumber dealers for the impressive progress made in western farm buildings. There was a time when the designing or construction of a new home became quite a problem. Beyond cities, few if any architects were available for technical advice. This difficulty was solved in 1916, when the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association created a Building Department to assist members in their drafting and estimating problems. Some ten thousand plans have since been drawn for the exclusive use of their customers in towns and the country.

The primary purpose of this important innovation was to enable community lumber merchants to actively render this valuable technical service to customers. Through that constructive co-operative effort it is now possible for anyone to obtain from a Western lumber merchant modern and original designs for homes or farm buildings. On the other hand, any special individualistic ideas covering plans for a new home may be submitted and finally drafted in detail. All that is necessary is to consult your dealer and give him an outline of what you have in mind. These can then be submitted to the Association where the Building Department will embody them in a new set of plans. These are all designed to suit western climatic conditions—a vital factor in any home.

Anyone who has gone through the ordeal of building that "ideal home" all dream about at times will appreciate the wisdom of first having plans drawn by an expert guided with the approximate cost for work and material. Otherwise, you are heading for a true by way of unnecessary and costly alterations, to nothing of distinction. It is necessary right by securing detailed plans and sound construction. This investment and personal aspirations are too important to risk any chances.

The local lumber merchant into your confidence. Frequently when sketches are made for special plans of a home the architect, after a preliminary sketch, may suggest certain improvements which might be made. In such cases changes are re-checked and reasons outlined to the prospective builder. That results in better value and complete satisfaction.

Bear in mind that your lumber dealer takes up the problem enthusiastically, and take pride in assuming some responsibility for a fine structure in his community.

The home with individuality and charm need not be large nor costly.

## THORNTON

A five-room bungalow with an exterior of special charm. The floor plan has the popular large living-room with fireplace and bay window, dining-room, well arranged kitchen, two bedrooms and bath, and plenty of closet space.

Provinces. They were obliged to make the best of what they had. These are pioneers still living who emphasize the co-operative community cooking and sewing circles. Charming plans for a meal when on a trip was simply not done. People just drove in and out of town.

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## TULLIS

A smart house with a well arranged four-room plan. The living-room is large, and conveniently adjoining the kitchen. There are two good-sized bedrooms and bathroom opening off the centre hall. Closets are provided for both bedrooms.

## Germany's Reserves

May Be Made Up Mostly Of Older Age Groups

Nazi Germany must be making the last of her manpower reserves at the time when the United Nations, that have been preparing the heaviest blows that have fallen yet. In the summer of 1942 the German Army was believed to number about 8,000,000 men.

By calling upon women, children, prisoners and forced laborers from Italy, France, Russia and Poland to man the machines and till the fields behind the lines, it is probable that it has been kept close to that figure.

Nevertheless, it would be surprising if the German Army were as good today as it was when it marched into Poland or even as strong as when it swept into Russia in June, 1941. Young men between 18 and 25 make the heart of the army, and it is that age group that losses have been heaviest. If the experience of the First World War is being duplicated in 1942—New York Times.

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## Victory Bonds

Purchased By Troops Overseas And Are Now Being Delivered Here

An announcement of special interest to relatives and friends awaiting receipt of Fifth Victory Loan Bonds bought for cash by troops Overseas was made by the Department of National Defence. The application forms for these bonds were originally completed in the field, a large number in the Mediterranean area.

All such applications received to date have been forwarded to the Bank of Canada, Ottawa.

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